Allocation of funds for rehabilitation of bonded labourers

4220. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation of funds and the amount spent, respectively for rehabilitation of bonded labourers during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of bonded labourers identified in the country, State-wise; and

(c) out of them how many bonded labourers have been rehabilitated so far. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Budget allocation and funds released under the Centrally sponsored scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers during the last three years is as under:

Year	Budget Allocation	Funds released	
	(in Rs. lakhs)	State	Amount (in Rs. lakhs)
1998-99	298.00	Bihar	4.90
		Orissa	1.75
		Tamil Nadu	278.90
		Uttar Pradesh	12.45
1999-2000	398.00	Arunachal Pradesh	70.84
		Rajasthan	4.00
		Tamil Nadu	303.82
		Uttar Pradesh	3.95
2000-2001	920.64	Arunachal Pradesh	497.64
		Haryana	16.00
		Punjab	10.00
		Rajasthan	25.40
		Tamil Nadu	371.60

(b) and (c) State-wise number of bonded labourers identified and rehabilitated so far under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme are as under:

Name of the State	Number of Bonded Labourers	
	Identified	Rehabilitated
Andhra Pradesh	36,289	29,552
Bihar	13,092	12368
Karnataka	62,763	55,267
Madhya Pradesh	12,822	11,897
Orissa	49,971	46,843
Rajasthan	7,478	6,321
Tamil Nadu	65,573	65,573
Maharashtra	L393	1,309
Uttar Pradesh	27,797	27,797
Kerala	823	710
Haryana	544	21
Gujarat	64	64
Arunachal Pradesh	3,526	2,992

Raising of wage ceiling

4221. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOURbe pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the wage ceiling from Rs. 5000 to 6500 per month for coverage under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme, Employees Pension Scheme and the Emplolyees Deposit-linked Insurance Scheme with effect from June 1 st, 2001; and

(b) if so, how many more employees are likely to be benefited under these three schemes by enlarging scope of coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT: (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Wage ceiling for